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SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING

REFS: (A) CARACAS 8141; (B) STATE 283548, DECEMBER 2, 1975

1. PER PARA 3 (I AND II) OF REF B, YOU ARE ALREADY
AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE GOV WITH "ALL PRACTICABLE, DESIRED
ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE" IN NIEHOUS CASE. HOWEVER, GOV
ALLUSION TO AN "ADVISER" WITH WHOM THEY MIGHT CONSULT ON
"TACTICS" RAISES A PROBLEM, BECAUSE OF THE EXTENT TO
WHICH SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT COULD ASSOCIATE USG WITH
DEVELOPMENTS AND POLICY DECISIONS GOV OR OWENS-ILLINOIS
MAY BE ADDRESSING. IF LEPAGE RAISES THIS IDEA WITH
EMBASSY, IT SHOULD EXTRACT SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE ARRANGE-
MENT THE GOV MAY BE CONTEMPLATING AND SEEK DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE.

2. CAN EMBASSY PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE AGENCY COOPERA-
TION DURING THE KIDNAPPING SEVERAL YEARS AGO OF A MILGP

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COLONEL (PARA 2 REF A)? WE LIST THE KIDNAPPING OF A LT.

COL. M. SMALEN, DEPUTY US AIR FORCE ATTACHE IN CARACAS, BY
FALN TERRORISTS ON OCTOBER 3, 1964, WITH SAFE RELEASE ON
OCTOBER 12, BUT WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON THE CASE. KISSINGER

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